



Mansfield Middle School Association
May 2, 2012
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7.04.

Those in attendance:

Allison Altieri, Diane Briody, Jeff Cryan, Lisa Drzewiecki,, Nancy Gilbertson, Sheryl Lambert, Carol Moran, Jeannette Picard

President Diane Briody brought the meeting to order. Members were welcomed.

Reports

President: Diane Briody thanked Nancy Gilbertson and Kelly Brouse for their efforts with the silent auction, which was a very successful event for MMS and the MMSA. Nancy explained that it was a team effort with help also from the student council.

-Diane noted the need for volunteers to provide refreshments for Staff Appreciation Day and to work at Field Day on the 18th. A recommendation was made to establish a Field Day committee. A form will be added to the MMSA website.

-Promotion Night refreshments will be coordinated by Lisa Drzewicki and Nancy Gilbertson

Vice-President: Allison Altieri reported that she is preparing the final newsletter for the year. The deadline for submission of items is June 11th.

Treasurer – No treasurer's report was available.

Secretary: Jeannette Picard reviewed the minutes for our last meeting. The secretary's report was accepted unanimously.

Nomination of Officers

The following nominations were accepted:

- President - Diane Briody
- Vice-President – Nancy Gilbertson
- Treasurer - _____
- Secretary – Sandy Hill

Administrative: Jeff Cryan reported on a number of items:

-*Robotics Team* – the robotics team went to the championship in Anaheim.

-*State History Day* – A number of MMS students participated in State History Day and seven finalists will go to the National History Day in June. Finalists include Laura B, Vida and Darius Ji, Saskia M, Joyce Z, Alize H, Andrew T. Kelly Brouse received recognition as CT Junior Division Teacher of the Year and will also move on the National Level.

-*School Climate* – MMS received recognition from the Connecticut Association of Schools for the Sunshine Club's work in promoting positive school climate.

-*Home Hosts for China Visit* – In the third visit from our sister school since 2007, students and teachers from China visited MMS for a week. Melissa Batalevitz (gr 6) went to our host school over the February vacation

-*German Exchange* – This trip is being set up for the fall with support by Doug Perkins and Donna Koropatkin. Six girls and 4 boys will be participating in the exchange.

Staff Changes –

- Jeff Cryan – search reopened
- Elizabeth Werkowsk (FCS) – finals in for interviews
- Karen Burnham (SE) – transferring to SE School
- Mary Mindek (Math)
- Barbara Hunter (looking for Math/Sci/elem certification)
- Carol Sweet (Math – leave of absence)

Faculty Representative: Carol Moran report on a number of activities:

-*Grade 5* – The team is working on Character Education with a presentation/discussion on drugs and peer pressure. The students also enjoyed an opera performance in May.

-*Grade 6* – Sixth grade visited Old Sturbridge Village in April and participated in “Get Active” groups.

-*Grade 7* – Students participated in a trip to the Higgins Armory

- *Grade 8* – The group visited the Old State House and Capitol though funding from the Dorothy Goodwin bequest

-*Invention Convention* –Naha A and John Z participated in the Connecticut Invention Convention this May.

Other

Fundraising – Nancy Gilbertson proposed another direct giving campaign. This will be added to the newsletter.

By-laws – Diane Briody is still looking into obtaining a copy of the by-laws. This information will be typed up and added to the MMSA website so that it will be accessible to all members. (Note: the bylaws have been located and will be added to the website before the end of the school year.)

Karen Burnham’s students – a letter and thank you gift will be sent to the class in thanks for their help with various projects

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Our next meeting will be held on June 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Picard

Secretary (pending approval at our next meeting)